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Inventor Application of:  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 30, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments set forth below and requests favorable action thereon.

The two-month shortened statutory period for reply will be due November 30, 2004, therefore, this response is considered to be filed timely.